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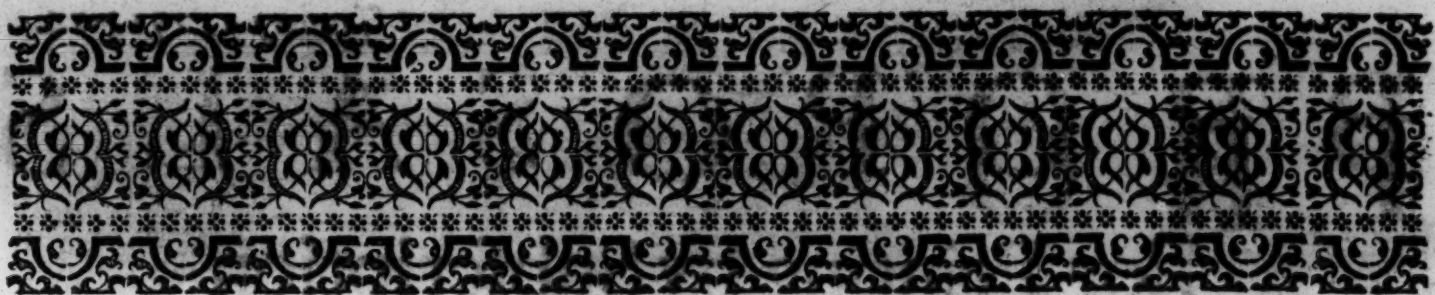
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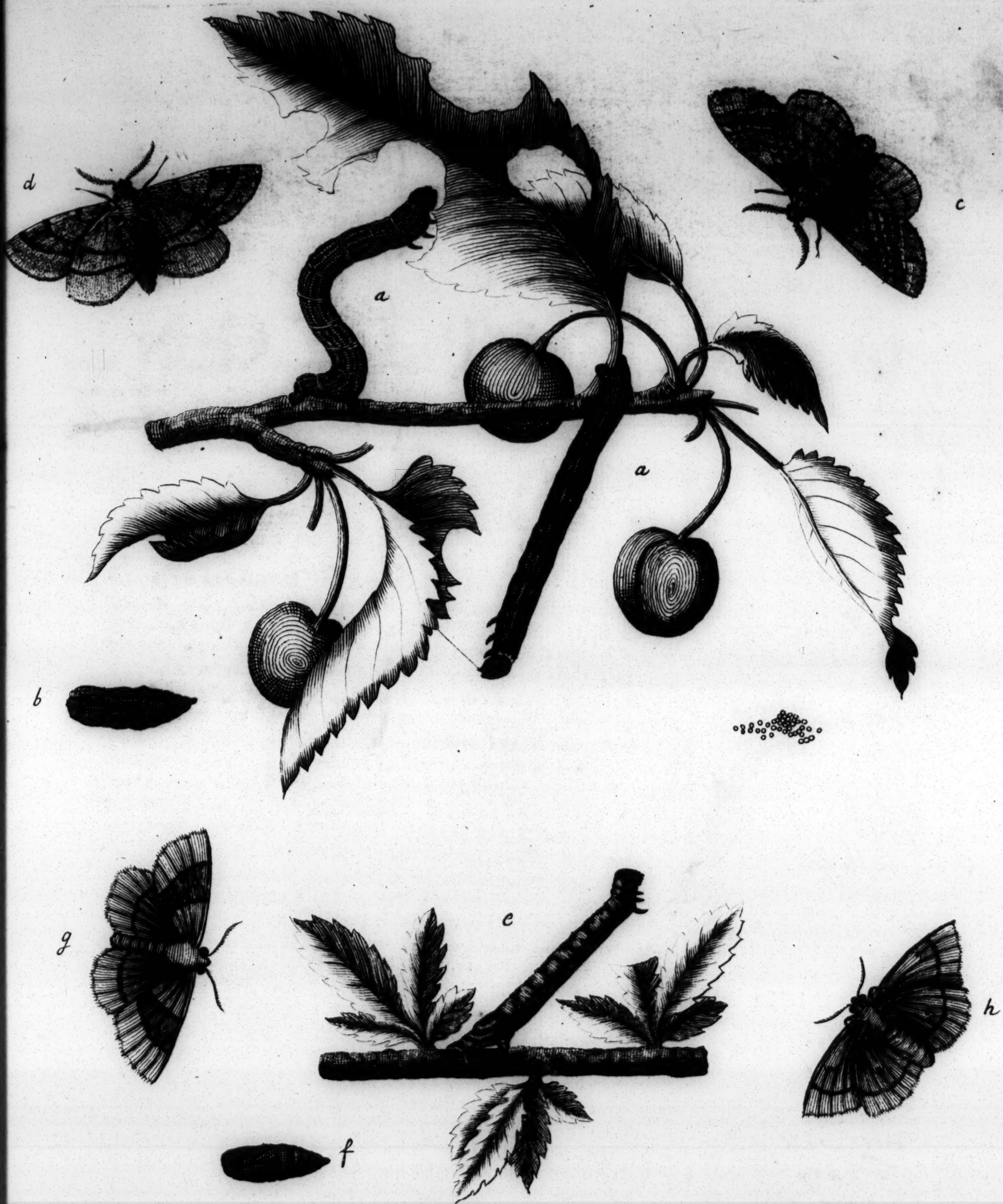
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THE
DESCRIPTION
OF THIS
PLATE.

THE TWO CATERPILLARS, *a a*, in this Plate, one of them being of a red Colour, spotted on the middle Joints with Yellow, the other of a pale Yellow, striped between each Joint with a deep Shade of the same Colour; the Heads of all of them were of a pale Red, with a ring of bright Yellow round their Necks; they were taken the Third of June on the *Hart Cherry-Tree*, on which I fed them; they fed also on the *Pear, Apple, Plumb, and Lime-Tree*, there being great Multitudes of them; several of the aforesaid Trees were eat bare as if they had been dead, or blasted, the Gravel-Walks under the Trees looking black with their Dung; there was also such a great variety of Colours in them, as not to be described, I drawing but Two of them, having Ten or Twelve others differing in Colours: I fed them several Days; I have observed these CATERPILLARS, called *Loopers*, to stand always erected, except when they are either walking or feeding, having a Web coming from their Mouths to the Branch where they balance, and convey themselves from Bough to Bough at pleasure. Some of them I found hanging on the Branches lank and corrupted, and when touched, drop'd in pieces; some went into the Ground the Twelfth of June, and spun the Earth about them with a flaggy Web; some of them went into the Ground, and changed into a dark red Chrysalis, as the Letter *b* expresses, without spinning; others dried up hard and died, neither spinning nor changing. The MOTH came the Seventh of April the Year following, from those that spun, as *c* expresses the Back, and *d* the Belly, being both of a yellowish Colour, striped and motled with black; the Eggs are of a green Colour, which the MOTH lays in the Cracks and hollow Places of the Bark of the aforesaid Trees, by means of a hollow Tube which she puts forth at her Pleasure.

THE Letter *e* expresses a CATERPILLAR, being of the same Colour of the older Branches of the Tree, so as scarcely to be discerned from the Wood, it was taken on the Twelfth of May on the *Black Thorn*; I fed it till the Twenty fourth of the same Month, at which Time it went into the Ground, and changed into a red Chrysalis, as *f* expresses. The MOTH came the Eleventh of August the same Year; *g* expresses the Back, and *h* the Belly, being of a pale Buff-colour, having a Division of one Third of the upper Wing of a darker Colour, with a brown Spot in the middle; and other smaller Spots of the same Colour round the Edges of the upper and under Wings.



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